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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper relates to the Continuation Application filed on July 3, 2001. Please review the Continuation Application in view of the amendments made below and the remarks which follow.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph after the paragraph found on page 1, line 1 through line 5 of the specification as indicated below.

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/039,197 filed on March 13, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 9, 11-13, 18-21 and 23-24 without prejudice and amend the remaining claims as indicated below.

1. (Amended) A computer network comprising:

at least one service computer configured to provide multiple network services via the computer network,

at least one connection device that allows multiple network client computers to access the network services via the computer network,